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TOWN OF DORCHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2004



Have you ever seen this dam?

It is located at the headwaters of

Reservoir Pond

2005

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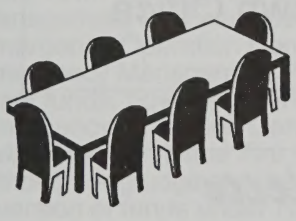
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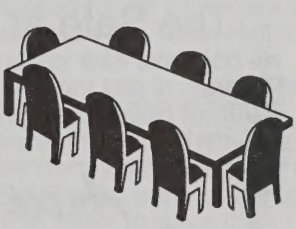
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OFFICERS



OF THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER, N.H.





Year Ended

December 31, 2004

Thank You
for
your generosity

Bob & Sandy Green
Green Woodlands
for
The Preservation of Dorchester Town Records
Road Grader
Computer Equipment and Copier

John Hession
for
The Safe at the Town Office

Artie Burdette
for
Perambulating the Town Boundaries between Dorchester and Lyme and Wentworth

Selectmen's Report

In 2004 the Dorchester Board of Selectmen continued the same hectic pace begun in 2003. Many of the unresolved issues of 2003, such as emergency services and State mandated town revaluation remained to be dealt with in 2004. New challenges arose with the town's decision to upgrade the electrical service, and replace the heating system at the Town Hall.

Robert "Bud" Estabrook, who has served on the Dorchester Board of Selectmen since 1998 and as its chairman since 2000 chose not to run for another term. Bud, would be sorely missed as one who consistently offered a voice of reason, objectivity and experience. Fortunately, "native son", David Conkey stepped up to the "plate" ran for the office and was elected as Selectman. David was born and raised in Dorchester, and attended and graduated from the Mascoma Schools. He operates one of the few businesses in Dorchester, and recently built a new log cabin where he and his wife Holly, along with many "pet" farm animals, reside. David brought to the Board a unique blend of "old" New England values, knowledge of the town, and new forward thinking ideas.

The looming problem of emergency fire dispatch service for that portion of Dorchester which falls within the (786) telephone exchange continued to plague the Board well into late summer. Resolution was slow, costly and a prime example of political bureaucracy at its best (worst). However, Dorchester residents within the (786) exchange will continue to have their property protected by the Rumney Fire Department. As reported at the 2004 Town Meeting, the Selectmen applied for an Emergency Management Performance Grant to up-grade the Town Hall as a Emergency Operation Center. Dorchester was awarded an Emergency Management Performance Grant late in June. These grant funds, however, were not allowed to be used for the Emergency Operation Center, they were, instead, diverted to Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid to off set Dorchester's "buy-in" cost . Although begrudgingly, the Board of Selectmen agreed to this diversion of funds under RSA 31:95-b in order to save the taxpayers money and provide fire coverage for the (786) portion of town. Dorchester is now a member of Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid; if any resident is interested in serving as a representative to LRMFA, please contact the Selectmen's Office.

The Town Hall Renovation Project began early in August 2004, with the awarding of bids for the electrical up-grade and heat installation. Hank Melanson served as consultant during the installation of the forced hot water. gas fired heating system; his

expertise and patience is truly appreciated. In order to accommodate the new boiler, a small furnace room needed to be added to the Town Hall. The Board wishes to thank the Dorchester Historic Commission for its help and support in designing a structure which does not violate the historic character of the Dorchester Historic District. Selectman/Contractor John Franz, Gary Whitney and members of the Highway Department completed the furnace room in plenty of time to facilitate the installation of the new boiler. Planned projects for 2005 include; insulating the ceiling area of the Town Hall to prevent heat loss.

The State mandated town wide revaluation of property began early in July and was finally completed early in December. The last complete revaluation of property in Dorchester occurred in 1991, and as anyone knows who has recently purchased a vehicle or appliance, values have increased dramatically since 1991. Although, no one likes paying taxes, we feel that the new assessments are equitable, and in line with recent real estate appraisals and sales. We are aware that errors do occur when undertaking a project this large, and we will continue to correct them as they are brought to our attention. Current Use, and lack of State funding for this program, continues to place the majority of the tax burden on the homeowner. This situation can only be remedied through legislative action at the State level.

Finally, Dorchester has entered the computer age, with the purchase of software for assessment and tax collection from Avitar, a New Hampshire based company. The Tax Collector and Secretary have attended several workshops on the use of this software and they are becoming increasingly comfortable with the terrific things these programs can do The Board wishes to thank Treasurer, Brian Howe for serving as our resident computer "guru". Brian has worked tirelessly to implement this new system.

In closing, the Dorchester Board of Selectmen encourages and welcomes you to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. If you have a concern, you wish to share with us, we encourage you to contact the Secretary (523-7119) and have your name placed on the agenda. We generally meet with the public at 7:00 p.m.



Selectmen's Meetings for 2005





January 13 & 27
February 10 & 24
March 10 & 24
April 7 & 21
May 5 & 19
June 2, 16 & 30
July 14 & 28
August 11 & 25
September 8 & 22
October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1, 15 & 29

Meetings are held at the Town Office at 6:30 p.m.
Selectmen are generally ready to meet with the public by 7:00 p.m.

DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Albert John Franz 2005 (C) John A. Cote 2006
David A. Conkey 2007

MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson 2006

TOWN TREASURER

Brian A. Howe 2005
Jennifer Grace, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Brenda Howe 2005
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

TAX COLLECTOR

Brenda A. Howe 2005
Darlene Oaks, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2005
Scott Blodgett, Highway Maintainer

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Tomas Crowley

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR

Alice E. Melanson



HEALTH OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

PERMIT OFFICER

John A. Cote



TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Darlene Oaks 2007 Carol Towne 2005 Donna Abell 2006

AUDITORS

Martha L. Walker 2005 Cindy Azotea 2005

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Marilyn Pratt 2010 Elizabeth "Betty " Trought 2008 Darlene Oaks 2006

PLANNING BOARD

David Morrill 2006(C) Linda Landry 2006 Patricia Franz 2007
Michael Howe 2007 John A. Cote, Slc. Rep. David DeVall, Alternate

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

David Morrill (C) Brian Howe Stuart Ross Michael Landry
David A. Conkey, Slc. Rep

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Robert Brown 2005 Louis A. Delsart 2006 Elizabeth "Betty " Trought 2007

Conservation Commission

Michael Landry 2007 Robert R. Estabrook 2006 George C. Conkey II 2005

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Pon (C) Patricia Franz Darlene Oaks
Linda M. Landry Martha Walker

REPRESENTATIVE TO MASCOMA HEALTH INITIATIVE

Elizabeth "Betty " Trought



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Nadine A. Conkey 2005



SCHOOL BUDGET COMMITTEE

Kimberly Depelteau-Tracey 2005

REPRESENTATIVE TO UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Vacant

REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

Vacant

REPRESENTATIVE TO LAKES REGION MUTUAL FIRE AID

Vacant

REPRESENTATIVES TO MASCOMA HEALTH COUNCIL

Vacant

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen:	Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m. Phone: 786-9476
Town Clerk:	Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Monday, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Fourth Sat. 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m. Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476
Tax Collector:	Town Office Phone: 786-9076
Planning Board:	2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. Selectmen's Office Phone 786-9476
Board of Adjustment:	As required. Selectmen's Office
Transfer Station:	Wednesday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m (until 9/8) Wednesday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m (after 9/8) Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Notary Public:	Select. Meetings and upon request (523-7119) Free of charge to Dorchester Residents

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 8th day of March 2005, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 12, 2005.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred thirty-two thousand, three hundred thirty-six dollars ($332,336.00), to defray Town charges

3. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of February 2005.

Albert John Franz

John A. Cote

David A. Conkey

Selectmen, Town of Dorchester

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	'04 APPRO.	'04 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2005 RECOMMENDED
2	Officers' Salaries	$20,000.00	$15,466.14		$4,533.86	$20,000.00
3	Officers' Expenses	$36,000.00	$41,561.30	-$5,561.30		$36,000.00
4	Election & Registration	$1,200.00	$1,910.04	-$710.04		$1,000.00
5	Property Appraisal	$5,000.00	$4,651.50		$348.50	$3,500.00
6	Legal	$4,500.00	$6,704.03	-$2,204.03		$4,500.00
7	Land Use/Planning	$400.00	$359.00		$41.00	$400.00
8	Town Buildings	$9,000.00	$8,530.93		$469.07	$20,000.00
9	Cemeteries	$1,200.00	$1,200.00	----------	----------	$1,200.00
10	Insurance/CFNH	$20,000.00	$20,408.87	-$408.87		$21,000.00
11	Regional Associations	$800.00	$614.00		$186.00	$650.00
12	Town Reports	$1,000.00	$934.01		$65.99	$1,000.00
13	Town Forester	$1,000.00	$270.00		$730.00	$700.00
14	Insurance Contingency	$1,000.00	$0.00		$1,000.00	$1,000.00
15	Tax Lien Properties	$2,300.00	$731.95		$1,568.05	$2,300.00
16	Abatements/Refunds	$3,000.00	$3,244.41	-$244.41		$3,000.00
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18	PUBLIC SAFETY					
19	Police	$500.00	$0.00		$500.00	$500.00
20	Ambulance	$3,500.00	$3,500.00	----------		$3,600.00
21	Fire Departments	$16,000.00	$9,776.59		$6,223.41	$16,000.00
22	Forest Fire Dept.	$500.00	$1,099.55	-$599.55		$500.00
23	Communications/LFMFA	*$17,350.00	$22,863.21	-$5,513.21		$3,000.00
24	911 & Emergency Mgt.	$1,200.00	$399.50		$800.50	$500.00
25	Animal Control	$1,000.00	$525.63		$474.37	$1,000.00
26	*All Hazard Planning Grant					

27		'04 APPRO.	'04 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2005 RECOMMENDED
28	CULTURE & RECREATION					
29	Canaan Library	$0.00	$0.00	----------		$500.00
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31	SANITATION					
32	Solid Waste Disposal	$23,000.00	$22,972.61		$27.39	$24,000.00
33	PBSW & NHRRA Dues	$500.00	$433.03		$66.97	$500.00
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35	HEALTH					
36	VT & NH Visiting Nurses	$1,500.00	$1,500.00	----------		$1,500.00
37	Voices Against Violence	$368.00	$368.00	----------		$386.00
38	Sr. Citizens Council	$500.00	$500.00	----------		$500.00
39	Health Officers	$400.00	$0.00		$400.00	$200.00
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41	PUBLIC ASSISTANCE					
42	Direct Service	$2,910.00	$2,061.70		$848.30	$2,710.00
43	Director's Salary/Exp.	$1,700.00	$1,280.00		$420.00	$1,200.00
44	West Central Services	$390.00	$390.00	----------		$390.00
45	Community Action	$0.00	$0.00	----------		$700.00
46						
47	HIGHWAYS					
48	Town Maintenance	$136,700.00	$118,796.65			
49	Highway Block Grant	$32,290.30	$32,290.30			
50	Bridge Fund	$30,000.00	$37,922.03		$9,981.32	$155,400.00
51						
52	DEBT SERVICE					
53	Interest on T.A.N.	$4,000.00	$2,550.78		$1,449.22	$3,000.00
54						
55	TOTALS	$301,068.00	$295,603.43		$5,464.57	$332,336.00

SOURCES OF REVENUES

SOURCE	'04 ESTIMATE	'04 ACTUAL	2005 ESTIMATE
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	$15,000.00	$11,626.27	$12,000.00
Interest & Penalties	$3,000.00	$5,011.10	$3,000.00
STATE OF NH			
Revenue Sharing	$11,000.00	$11,801.00	$11,000.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	$10,000.00	$12,325.66	$10,000.00
Highway Block Grant	$32,290.30	$32,290.30	$33,222.00
State Forest Land	$700.00	$789.64	$700.00
LICENSES & FEES			
Motor Vehicles	$40,000.00	$45,085.90	$42,000.00
Dog Licenses	$600.00	$743.35	$600.00
Permits & Filing Fees	$300.00	$173.00	$100.00
UCC Fees	$100.00	$100.00	$100.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Planning Board	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Insurance Div/Refunds	$0.00	$10.00	$0.00
Sale of Town Property	$100.00	$80.00	$100.00
All Hazard Planning Grant		$17,350.00	
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Capital Reserve		$1,425.56	
Interest on Deposits		$32.27	
Forest Fire Reimbursement		$154.26	
Reimbursement Property Damage		$0.00	
Gift (GREEN)		$1,200.00	
Pistol Per./ copies		$70.00	
Current Use Filing Fee		$60.00	
TOTAL	$113,090.30	$140,328.31	$112,822.00

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year	$275,971.33
Interest	$608.66
Prior Years	$193,891.64
Interest	$4,402.44

Redeemed Taxes:

Current Year - Lien Amount	$6,637.44
Costs and Interest	$332.21
Prior Years - Lien Amount	$27,501.13
Costs and Interest	$7,949.89

Yield Taxes:

Current Year	$7,014.00

State of NH:

Revenue Sharing	$11,801.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	$12,325.66
Highway Block Grant	$32,290.30
State Forest Land	$789.64

Tax Anticipation Loans	$311,000.00
Motor Vehicles Fees	$44,871.90
Dog Licenses & Penalties	$743.35
Title Fees & Copies	$214.00
U.C.C. Filings	$100.00
Municipal Agent's Fee	$1,222.50
Marriages	$102.00
Miscellaneous	$71.00
Forest Fire Training Reimbursement	$154.00
Pistol Permits	$70.00
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste Capital Reserve Fund	$1,425.56
Interest on Deposits	$32.27
Sale of Town Property	$80.00
Gift (Green)	$1,200.00
Current Use Filing Fee	$60.00
All Hazard Planning Grant	$17,350.00

Total Receipts for 2004	$1,217,978.18
Cash on hand January 1, 2004	$67,622.44
Cash Available for 2004	$1,285,600.62
Balance on hand, December 31, 2004	-$277,008.19

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 28,140.43 acres	$13,341,319.00
Tax Exempt Land, 222.04 acres	$464,900.00
Net Taxable Land Value	$12,876,419.00
Current Use Valuation, 26,113.86 acres	$1,503,119.00
Residential Land , 1,804.531 acres	$11,373,300.00
Buildings (All)	$17,239,500.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings	$271,800.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation	$16,967,700.00
Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op	$632,400.00
Total Evaluation Before Exemption	$30,476,519.00
Elderly Exemptions	$0.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed	**$30,476,519.00**

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Assessed Valuation	$30,476,519.00
Town Property Taxes Assessed	$652,718.00
Less War Service Credit	$5,200.00
Net Property Tax Commitment	$647,518.00
Tax Rate per $1,000	**$21.47**

Municipal....$6.20 County....$1.19 Local School.....$11.53
State Education..... $2.55

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings	$106,200.00
Contents	$1,350.00
Selectmen's Office, Land & Buildings	$50,700.00
Contents	$10,000.00
Police Department Equipment	$100.00
Highway Department, Land & Buildings	$58,500.00
Equipment & Materials	$200,000.00
Historical Museum	$24,400.00
Other Town Land	$111,800.00
Town Property (Tax Deed)	$280,466.00
Forest Fire Equipment	$2,000.00
TOTAL	**$534,250.00**

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2004

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand.....$33,991.81
Funds in custody of Treasurer.....$33,991.81
Unredeemed Taxes..... $12,227.26
Uncollected Taxes..... $375,153.77
Property Taxes..... $370,453.15
Yield Taxes.....$4,700.62
Total Asset..... $421,372.84

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:
School Taxes Payable, January - June 2005.....$213,534.38
Tax Anticipation Notes..... $311,000.00
Total Liabilities.....$524,534.38

FUND BALANCE (Excess of Assets over Liabilities)...**-$103,161.54**

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance December 31, 2003.....-$59,148.62
Fund Balance December 31, 2004..... -$103,161.54
Change in Financial Condition..... -$44,012.92



TOWN TREASURER'S REPORT

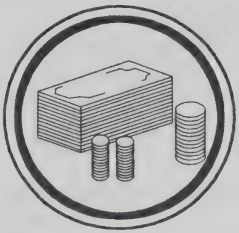
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CASH ON HAND, January 1, 2004 $67,622.44

Includes: Pemigewasset Checking $66,982.44
Tax Collector Receipts in Transit $0.00
Town Clerk Receipts in Transit $640.00
Selectmen's Receipts in Transit $0.00
TOTAL $67,622.44

RECEIVED FROM:

Tax Collector	$552,460.46
Town Clerk	$47,324.75
Selectmen	$89,808.26
Tax Anticipation Loans	$421,000.00
Interest	$32.27
Capital Reserve Funds	$107,352.44
TOTAL	$1,217,978.18



TOTAL RECEIPT $1,217,978.18
TOTAL AVAILABLE $1,285,600.62

PAYMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN $1,251,608.81
CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2004 $33,991.81

PEMIGEWASSET NATIONAL BANK (Checking) $27,821.68
Tax Collector Receipts in Transit $0.00
Town Clerk Receipts in Transit $6,170.13
TOTAL CASH ON HAND **$33,991.81**

OUTSTANDING TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES
Pemigewasset T.A.N. 2004 $311,000.00

TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2004 **-$277,008.19**



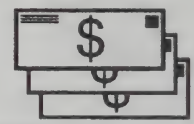
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BRIAN A. HOWE
TREASURER

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.

Year Ending 12-31-04

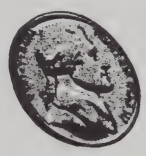
Uncollected Taxes- Beginning Year: 2004			Prior
Property Taxes			$210,156.61
Land Use Change			$1,380.00
Yield Taxes			$88.55
Taxes Committed This Year:			
Property Taxes	$647,513.00		
Yield Taxes	$11,626.27		
Inventory Penalties	$1,476.00		
Overpayment:			
Property Taxes	$4,689.26		
Yield Taxes	$0.00		$864.74
Interest	$608.66		$4,402.44
TOTAL DEBITS	**$665,913.19**		**$216,892.34**



Remitted to treasurer during FY:			
Property Taxes	$275,971.33		$193,891.64
Land Use Change	$0.00		$1,380.00
Yield Taxes	$7,014.00		$0.00
Interest/Costs	$608.66		$4,402.44
Conversion to Lien	$0.00		$16,464.86
Overpayment	$4689.26		$864.74
Abatements Made			
Current Levy Deeded	$2,563.00		
Uncollected Taxes, end of year:			
Property Taxes	$370,453.15		$0.00
Yield Taxes	$4,612.27		$88.35
TOTAL CREDITS	**$665,911.67**		**$217,092.23**

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Year	$71,218.14
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	$18,249.00
Int. & Costs Collected after Lien Execution	$8,282.10
TOTAL DEBITS	**$97,749.26**

Remittance to Treasurer:	
Redemptions	$34,138.57
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	$8,282.10
Liens Deeded to Municipality	$43,101.33
Unredeemed Liens Balance, End of Year	$12,227.26
TOTAL CREDITS	**$97,749.26**



Brenda A. Howe
Tax Collector



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 2004

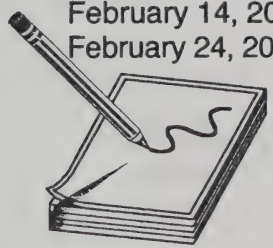
Cash on Hand 1/1/04	$100.00
Car Registrations - 560	$44,871.90
Title Fees + Copies	$214.00
Dog Licenses - 123	$684.35
Penalties	$59.00
UCC Filings	$100.00
Marriage Licenses	$102.00
Misc. (Maps, Permits, Copies, Filing Fees)	$71.00
M.A.F.	$1,222.50
Total Remitted to Treasurer	**$47,324.75**
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2004	$100.00



Brenda Howe, Town Clerk

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.



February 14, 2005
February 24, 2005

Auditors

Martha Wacker

Cindy Azzato

2004 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

It has been a quiet year with routine maintenance and ongoing communication with some property owners considering the donation of the "Cheever Cemetery" to the Town of Dorchester. Our thanks go to Martha Walker and Dolores Haskell for their ongoing diligence in caring for Dorchester cemeteries.

Receipts:

Balance January 2004	$441.00
Bank Interest	$1.41
Town Appropriation	$1,200.00
TOTAL	**$1,642.41**

Payments:

Taxes (S.S. & Medi.)	$185.14
Dolores Haskell	$387.87
Martha Walker	$465.44
American Legion Post 76 (flags)	$35.00
Bank Fees	$35.00
TOTAL	**$1,108.45**

Balance on Hand December 31, 2004.....$533.96

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees

DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES..... $15,466.14

Robert R. Estabrook, Selectman (Jan.-Mar.)..... $415.57
David A. Conkey, Selectman (Apr.-Dec.)..... $1,246.72
Albert John Franz, Selectman (Chairman) $1,918.09
John A. Cote, Selectman..... $1,662.30
John A. Cote, Permit Officer..... $1,064.65
Brian A. Howe, Treasurer $997.38
Jennifer Grace, Dep. Treasurer..... $55.40
Nancy Drowne, Tax Collector (Jan.-Mar.)..... $346.31
Brenda Howe, Dep. Tax Collector (Jan.-Mar)..... $172.68
Brenda Howe, Tax Collector (Apr.-Dec.)..... $1,285.84
Darlene Oaks, Dep. Tax Collector (Apr.-Dec.)..... $41.55
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk (Salary + Fees).....$2,882.11
Darlene Oaks, Dep. Town Clerk (Salary + Fees).. $1,453.48
Darlene Oaks, Trustee of Trust Funds.....$46.17
Brenda Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds..... $46.17
Carol Towne, Trustee of Trust Funds.....$46.17
Martha L. Walker, Auditor..... $138.52
Cindy Azotea, Auditor..... $138.52
F.I.C.A..... $1,508.51

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES..... $41,561.30

AT & T.....$372.48
Avitar Associates (computer software & support)..... $5,250.00
Dell Government Lease (Computer).....$1,438.63
Nick Jacobs (copier repair & service)..... $124.25
Legal Books & Publications.....$690.45
Permit Officer's Expenses..... $194.48
Postage..... $559.65
Real Estate Transfers (Deeds).....$388.37
Secretary/Bookkeeper (Linda Landry)..... $13,826.93
F.I.C.A.....$2,371.50
Withholding.....$1,200.00
Selectmen's Expenses
Copier/Mileage/Postage/Supplies.....$6,899.41
Staples (supplies)..... $3,799.70
Tax Collector's Expenses..... $2,689.75
Town Clerk's Expenses.....$797.60
Verizon..... $898.10
Workshops/Seminars.....$60.00

TOWN REPORTS OF 2003..... $934.01

Fred B. Estabrook Printing.....$879.34
Postage.....$54.67

LAND USE BOARDS..... $359.00

Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council.....$339.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council (Books)..... $20.00

REGISTRATION & ELECTION.....$1,910.04

Delbert Pratt, Ballot Clerk..... $210.00
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk..... $210.00
Henry Melanson, Moderator..... $193.93
Betty Ann Trought, Supervisor of Checklist..... $269.09
Darlene Oaks, Supervisor of Checklist..... $412.22
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Checklist..... $265.95
F.I.C.A.....$110.85
Salmon Press (notices).....$33.00
The Cardigan (notices)..... $168.00
Postage.....$37.00

TOWN BUILDINGS.....$8,530.93

A.M. Rand Co.....$147.46
Bradford/Pratt's Co..... $503.25
Canaan Hardware.....$136.34
Jeanne Conkey (Custodian)..... $1,864.96
Johnson & Dix $447.72
K & R. Portable Toilets.....$2,180.00
N.H. Electric Co-op.....$934.05
Ryezak One Stop..... $18.75
Small Engine Technology..... $41.00
Tri-State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers)..... $100.94
Verizon (Town Hall).....$401.73
Yeaton Oil Co. (Town Office).....$1,296.94
F.I.C.A.....$457.79

PROPERTY APPRAISAL.....$4,651.50

David A. Morrill.....$1,389.62
Earls, Nieder, Perkins, LLC..... $3,000.00
True Color Print & Design.....$18.35
Register of Deeds..... $12.50
F.I.C.A.....$231.03

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ambulance.....$3,500.00

Canaan F.A.S.T..... $3,500.00

Fire Protection.....$9,776.59

Town of Rumney..... $9,124.59
Rumney Fire Department.....$652.00

Communications..... $22,863.21

*Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid..... $22,863.21

***All Hazard Planning Grant..... $17,350.00**

Forest Fire Dept.		**$1,099.55**
John Jay Legg, Warden	$61.97	
Michael Joyce, Deputy Warden	$28.87	
John Reitsma, Deputy Warden	$28.87	
Joshua Trought, Deputy Warden	$28.87	
Jonathan Conkey	$28.87	
Matthew Dow	$81.74	
Fire Equipment Building	$801.39	
F.I.C.A.	$38.97	
Animal Control		**$525.63**
Tomas Crowley	$106.93	
F.I.C.A.	$15.15	
I.D.S. (License Tags)	$101.05	
State of N.H. (Animal Population Control)	$302.50	
Police		**$0.00**
LEGAL EXPENSES		**$6,704.03**
Mitchell & Bates, PA	$1,257.12	
Schuster, Buttrey & Wing, PA	$5,446.91	
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES		**$189,008.98**
Payroll	$48,281.25	
F.I.C.A.	$3,368.97	
N.H. Retirement	$2,116.92	
Town Maintenance	$135,241.84	
Includes: Highway Block Grant		$32,290.30
Bridge Fund		$30,000.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL		**$23,405.64**
Town of Rumney, Transfer Station	$22,935.65	
Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District (dues)	$369.99	
Plymouth Village Water & Sewage District	$100.00	
DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE		**$1,200.00**
TOWN FORESTER		**$270.00**
All Seasons Forestry	$270.00	
HEALTH		**$2,368.00**
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	$500.00	
Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vt & NH	$1,500.00	
Voices Against Violence	$368.00	
WELFARE		**$3,731.70**
General Assistance	$2,061.70	
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director	$1,188.20	
Workshops & Seminars	$80.00	
West Central Services	$390.00	
F.I.C.A.	$91.80	

REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.....$614.00

N.H. Assessing Officials' Dues	$20.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks' Dues.	$20.00
N.H. Health Officers' Dues	$10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. Dues	$519.00
N.H. Public Works Mutual Aid	$25.00
N.H. Tax Collectors' Dues	$20.00

INSURANCE.....$20,408.87

Local Government Center (Workers' Comp.)	$2,898.85
Local Government Center (Prop./Liab. Insurance)	$3,576.40
HealthTrust (Health)	$13,874.62
Primex - Compensation Funds	$59.00

ABATEMENTS & REFUNDS.....$3,244.41

GRAFTON COUNTY TAX.....$37,768.00

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.....$38.00

Treasurer, State of N.H.	$38.00

MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT.....$450,500.44

DEBT SERVICE.....$2,550.78

Tax Anticipation Loan Interest	$2,550.78

ARTICLE #4 - TOWN HALL RENOVATION.....$33,196.14

Ashland Lumber	$169.45
A.M. Rand	$87.83
Bixby, Lloyd	$250.00
Bradford/Pratt's Col	$1,766.41
Canaan Hardware	$125.26
The Cardigan (bid notices)	$248.00
Davis Gas Co. Inc	$127.10
Franz, Albert J	$2,964.18
Howe, Michael	$230.00
Johnson & Dix	$426.86
Kenneson, Dean	$372.00
Langlois Electric	$9,356.49
Lee Hennessy Plumbing	$15,000.00
Legg's Logs	$62.70
Melanson, Henry L	$188.94
True Colors Print and Design	$21.30
Warren Sand & Gravel	$34.00
Whitney, Gary	$1,719.02
F.I.C.A	$45.90
*Lee Hennessy Plumbing	$9,860.00

*Paid in January 2005

ARTICLE #3 - REVALUATION..... $40,013.89

Avitar Associates (Assessing Software).....$150.00
Dollard Associates (Tax Maps).....$6,152.89
Earls, Nieder, Perkins, LLC.....$33,711.00.....

E911 & Emergency Management $399.50

TAX LIENS EXPENSES..... $731.95

TAXES BOUGHT BY THE TOWN..... ... $18,249.02

PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES..... $943,030.47



Receipts January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004..... $1,217,978.18
Cash On Hand, January 1, 2004.....$67,622.44
Cash Available.....$1,285,600.62
Disbursements, January 1, 2004 thru December 31, 2004..... $1,251,608.81
General Fund.....$33,991.81
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2004.....$33,991.81

2004 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL..... $48,281.25

George C. Conkey, II Road Agent$23,132.20
Scott Blodgett, Highway Maintainer.....$12,307.42
F.I.C.A.& Withholding.....$7050.81
N.H. Retirement..... $1,139.23
Jonathan Conkey..... $14.78
Bruce LaRochelle.....$214.25
Shirley LaRochelle..... $96.04
Clarence Poitras..... $2,560.61
Gary Whitney..... $1,677.25
David Yetman..... $88.66

NH RETIREMENT & F.I.C.A..... $5,485.89

SUB-CONTRACTORS.....$24,452.31

Blodgett, Quisa..... $125.00
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $347.00
Dorchester Sand & Stone..... $35.00
GMI Asphalt (paving).....$20,579.60
I-93 Asphalt..... $1,795.71
Michael A. Joyce.....$1,500.00

FUEL$5,914.81

Baileyhill Motorsport (fuel additive)..... $58.08
Bradford Pratt's Co.....$4,492.61
Ryezak Oil Co..... $1,302.14
Shortt's Garage.....$44.86

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES.....$12,922.66

A.M. Rand Co..... $10.77
B-B Chain Co..... $147.00
Baileyhill Motorsports.....$803.20
Howard P. Fairfield Co.....$8,267.68
Kibby Equipment..... $577.05
Liberty International.....$599.24
Monroe Repairs.....$859.12
Sabil & Sons.....$198.26
Wise Guy's Automotive..... $366.50
Wilson Tire.....$646.40

FORD 550 TRUCK EXPENSES..... $16,631.76

B-B Chain Co.....$147.00
Baileyhill Motorsports..... $238.72
Canaan Hardware..... $3.99
Flanders & Patch.....$1,750.00
Ford Motor Credit..... $13,063.15
Howard P. Fairfield Co.....$14.56
Kevin Bolash Welding..... $525.32
Kibby Equip..... $246.25
Monroe Repairs..... $224.98
Sabil & Sons.....$337.54
Wilson Tire.....$12.00
Wise Guy's Automotive..... $68.25

1996 FORD RANGER.....$1,237.01

Canaan Hardware..... $80.38
George C. Conkey (tires).....$300.00
Monroe's Repairs.....$621.20
Wise Guy's Automotive.....$235.43

LOADER BACKHOE..... $13,968.13

A.M. Rand Co..... $13.98
Baileyhill Motorsports.....$171.16
Caterpillar Financial Service..... $12,169.35
Canaan Hardware.....$3.39
Southworth Milton$1,254.58
Town Line Equipment..... $62.37
Wise Guys Automotive..... $293.30.....

OTHER EQUIPMENT.....$2,737.34

A.M. Rand Co..... $18.81
Canaan Hardware.....$52.43
Grader (Plates).....$8.00
Howard P. Fairfield Co.....$709.20
Iroquois Manufacturing.....$729.00
Kibby Equipment..... $176.00
Lakes Region Two-Way (radios).....$461.71
Merriam-Graves Corp..... $204.37
Small Engine Technology..... $40.45
Taylor Rental (roller).....$222.60
Wise Guys Automotive..... $114.77

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS..... $12,654.29

Cargill Salt..... $2,281.79
Dorchester Sand & Stone..... $6,090.00
I-93 Asphalt..... $1,802.01
Latulippe, Edward (mulch hay)..... $20.00
Melanson, Henry (mulch hay)..... $45.00
Pike Industries Inc..... $711.77
Warren Sand and Gravel..... $1,029.00
Wood Specialties..... $24.00
Yeaton Agway Services..... $650.72

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSE..... $6,801.50

A.M. Rand Company..... $360.21
Canaan Hardware..... $178.01
The Cardigan (notices)..... $80.00
Electricity/Phone..... $2,663.28
Haskell's Work Clothes (safety shoes)..... $248.00
K.C. Recycling..... $104.50
Kibby Equipment..... $179.40
Liberty International..... $142.82
Merriam-Graves Corp..... $8.25
N.H. State of, Treasurer (signs)..... $525.60
Quonset Hut..... $30.80
Sabil & Sons..... $90.54
Sanel Auto Parts..... $68.12
Shaker Valley Auto Parts..... $6.84
Southworth-Milton..... $41.60
Tri-State Fire Protection (fire extinguishers)..... $25.75
UniFirst (Uniforms)..... $1,393.55
Wise Guy's Automotive..... $579.23
Workshops/Seminars..... $75.00

BRIDGE #164/141..... $37,922.03

A.M. Rand Company..... $60.42
Bayview Construction Co..... $36,000.00
Barbara Gorell (relocation)..... $1,600.00
Sanel Auto Parts..... $60.00
Warren Sand & Gravel..... $49.00
Wise Guys Auto Parts..... $60.00

2004 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

PAYROLL	$48,281.25
N.H. RETIREMENT & F.I.C.A.	$5,485.89
SUB-CONTRACTORS	$24,452.31
FUEL	$5,914.81
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES	$12,922.66
FORD 550 TRUCK EXPENSES	$16,631.76
1996 FORD RANGER	$1,237.01
LOADER	$13,968.13
OTHER EQUIPMENT	$2,737.34
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS	$12,654.29
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES	$6,801.50
BRIDGE #164/141	$37,922.03
TOTAL	**$189,008.98**

Ashley Flat

One of the pieces of road paved this year.



Road Agent's Report

During 2004, the Dorchester Highway Department has been extremely busy with a variety of projects, both planned and unexpected. Dorchester's Highway Department consists of two full-time employees, and remains one of the few town supported services over which you, the taxpayer, have control. Our service to the town extends far beyond the approximate 30 miles of roads it maintains. We continue to be involved with most projects undertaken by the Town of Dorchester.

* The Dorchester Highway Department has taken on a whole new look in 2004. That new look comes in the form of Highway Maintainer, Scott Blodgett. Scotty was hired in August, after a 30 day trial period, to fill the Highway Maintainer position which has been vacant for several years. Scotty holds a CDL-B license and is an accomplished grader/heavy equipment operator. With two (2) equipment operators, Dorchester's highway equipment has been kept moving most of the time.

* In compliance with the wishes expressed by the town's people at Town Meeting, we put out to bid, the paving of two stretches of Bickford Woods Road which were rebuilt in 2002. GMI Asphalt, out of Gilford, NH, was the low bidder and 481.845 tons of asphalt was applied to those two stretches of road in late April.

* Early in June, while performing general road maintenance on the LeBrun Road, one of the Town Trucks broke through the deck of Bridge #164/141. No damage was done to town equipment, but this incident did serve to confirm what State Bridge Inspections had been stating for several years; Bridge #164/141 was in serious need of rehabilitation. The project was put out to bid, and Bayview Construction, with which Dorchester has maintained a working relationship with over the years, was awarded the bid. The Dorchester Highway Department provided equipment and labor to complete the project within two weeks.

* Bob and Sandy Green of Green Woodlands, generously donated a road grader to the town highway department. Although this machine is small and well-used, it is just what Dorchester's gravel roads need. We are able to maintain these roads on a regular basis rather then having to wait until a rental machine and operator are available.

* The highway department prepared the site for the new furnace room constructed at the Town Hall.

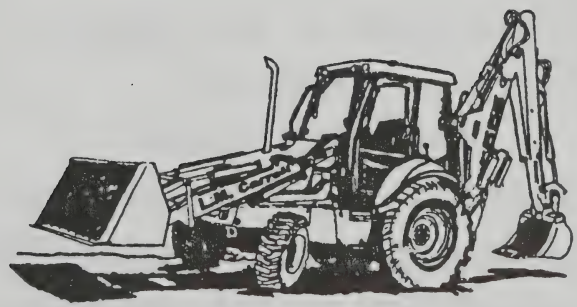
* Highway personnel aided in the construction of a Forest Fire Equipment Shed, centrally located outside the Town Highway Yard. This equipment had been previously stored in the shed located behind the Town Hall.

* Aggressive roadside mowing was accomplished again this year.

* A warm October, allowed the Highway Department to facilitate the placement of "hot top" on Thayer Hill. The project involved the scheduling of a full sized grader, the rental of a roller and a "job swap" with the towns of Rumney and Groton, who provided trucks for the hauling of the "hot top". The completion of this late fall project has allowed us to be able to plow Thayer Hill this winter.

In closing the Dorchester Highway Department is here for you, the people of Dorchester. If you require anything regarding town roads, please call the Highway Garage and leave a message (786-2385); we will return your call as soon as we are able.

Respectfully submitted
George C. Conkey II
Road Agent



LIKE FATHER . . .

Road Agent

GEORGE C. CONKEY SR.

9-1-41 ~ 10-6-97



George C. Conkey Sr.
elected
Road Agent
in March 1983 and served in
that position through 1996,
when illness prevented him
from continuing

LIKE SON
Road Agent
GEORGE C. CONKEY II



George C. Conkey, II
appointed
11-5-98 ~ elected
Road Agent
in March 1999 and currently
serves in that position

Dorchester
Planning Board 2004

The Dorchester Planning Board welcomed two new members in 2004. Patricia Franz and Michael Howe were elected to serve 3 year terms on the Planning Board. We continue to meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Selectmen's Office.

There have been no subdivisions within the town this year. However, several minor subdivisions are in the process and approval of these are expected early in 2005.

Boundary Adjustments have become quite popular as a way of increasing the size of lots. The Planning Board has facilitated several Boundary Adjustments this year. This process allows property owners to acquire land from their abutting neighbors without going through the formal subdivision process. Although, the process is less costly than a formal subdivision it does require updated surveys showing accurate mete and bounds, as well, as the proposed boundary adjustment are required. A deed restriction is also required; merging the two parcels into one and will from then on be considered as one and cannot be subdivided without making proper application.

We encourage any property owner in the Town of Dorchester to become familiar with Dorchester's Subdivision Regulations when considering subdividing their property.

In closing, the Planning Board encourages the landowners of Dorchester to become familiar with Dorchester's Land Use Regulations. If you have any questions regarding either the Subdivision Regulations or the Land Use Regulations do not hesitate to contact any member of the Planning Board.



Dorchester Planning Board

2nd Wednesday of each month
7:00 p.m. ~ Town Office

January 12, 2005
February 9, 2005
March 9, 2005
April 13, 2005
May 11, 2005
June 8, 2005
July 13, 2005
August 10, 2005
September 14, 2005
October 12, 2005
November 9, 2005
December 14, 2005

2004 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$291.80
Interest 2004	$2.97
Balance, 12/31/04	$294.77

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$891.75
Interest 2004	$9.09
Balance, 12/31/04	$900.84

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$1,485.35
Interest 2004	$15.13
Balance, 12/31/04	$1,500.48

J. C. Davenport Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$213.13
Interest 2004	$2.17
Balance, 12/31/04	$215.31

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$373.83
Interest 2004	$3.81
Balance, 12/31/04	$377.63

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$2,348.49
Interest 2004	$23.93
Balance, 12/31/04	$2,372.42

All Cemeteries Fund (newly created 2003)

Balance	$1,200.00
New Funds	$1,000.00
Interest 2004	$16.74
Balance, 12/31/04	$2,216.74

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$46,579.30
New Funds 2004	$0.00
Expended 2004	$40,000.00
Interest 2004	$183.40
Balance, 12/31/04	$6,762.70

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$5,402.43
New Funds 2004	$0.00
Expended 2004	$0.00
Interest 2004	$74.09
Balance, 12/31/04	$5,476.52

Bridges Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$30,204.30
New Funds 2004	$0.00
Expended 2004	$30,000.00
Interest 2004	$290.54
Balance, 12/31/04	$494.84

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance, 12/31/03	$37,077.20
New Funds 2004	$0.00
Expended 2004	$37,352.44
Interest/Income 2004	$296.57
Balance, 12/31/04	$21.33

Respectfully Submitted,
Darlene Oaks
Carol Towne
Donna Abell
Trustees of Trust Funds



Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

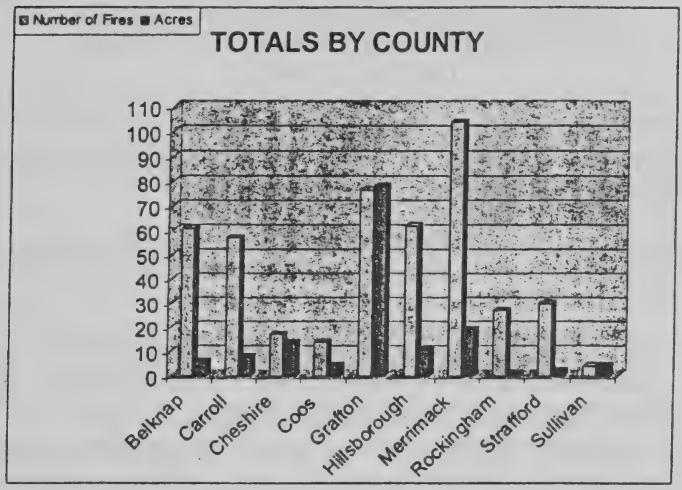
Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wild land fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ANY** outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdfl.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however, we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with smaller Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called "Tower Quest" to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

2004 STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 18, 2004)



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Arson	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Equipment	5
Lightning	5
Misc.*	163

(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

	Total Fires	Total Acres
2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428

Stephen M. Kessler, Forest Ranger
Jay Legg, Forest Fire Warden

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties
30 Exchange Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570
1-800-552-4617
FAX No. 752-7607

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, not-for-profit agency.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 2003-2004

THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION, THE CITIZENS OF DORCHESTER HAVE RECEIVED A TOTAL OF $27,274.00 BETWEEN JULY 1, 2003 AND JUNE 30, 2004, THIS REPRESENTS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE.

FUEL ASSISTANCE	19	$11,487.00
Includes 2 Emergencies		
WEATHERIZATION	0	$0.00
HOMELESS FUND (Rental, energy assistance)	0	$0.00
STATE-WIDE ELECTRIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	33	$15,787.00

Community Contact provides these and other necessary services for he less fortunate citizens in your town and surrounding vicinities.

Community Contact is the field service arm of the Tri-County Community Action Program. The purpose of this program is to assist low-income, elderly, and handicapped persons to solve individual problems and to meet their needs through individual and/or group self help efforts. C.A.P. staff accomplished this purpose by providing information, counseling and by effectively linking and utilizing community resources. If possible, we also may assist with Emergency Fund dollars in the form of vouchers.

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC.

Home Care, Hospice and Family Health Services Report to the Town of Dorchester

Your Visiting Nurse Alliance is like the local police and fire departments - a strategic part of the community's safety net -- with services that must be continuously available to anyone in need. The need varies dramatically from month to month and year to year. The VNA provides a comprehensive range of care, requisitioned by hospital staff and physicians, for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Regardless of ability to pay, we are committed to provide care to those uninsured and under-insured individuals residing in the communities we serve to access needed and medically necessary, skilled-level home-health services.

We value the continued partnership with the Town of Dorchester to help us meet your residents' home care, hospice and family health needs. Town funding accomplishes the following:

* Enables your family, friends and neighbors to remain independent and at home as they receive skilled clinical care during times of injury, recovery from surgery or accidents, disability, whether for short-term and chronic illness. For many such patients, many are addressing multiple medical, emotional and social issues at the same time.

* Provides emotional support plus pain and symptom management during terminal illness. Hospice care extends to family members as well. More and more patients want to be at home during their end of life, and through hospice they have that control.

* Provides community-wellness programs and assistance to young families at risk. Clients range from fathers and/or mothers who want to be more effective parents through learning parenting skills or providing a balanced diet; infants who require hi-tech health care; and children who grow and learn through play groups that offer interaction with other children.

The Visiting Nurse Alliance provided the following services this past year:

***Visits** (July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004)*

HOME CARE		FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES	
Skilled Nursing	175	Families served	1
Physical Therapy	39	Individuals served	4
Speech Therapy	1	Home Visits	37
Occupational Therapy	1		
Home Health Aide	494		
Homemaker	124		
TOTAL VISITS			**834**



VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE

P.O. Box 53
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Plymouth, N.H. 03264
Crises Line (603) 536-1659
Office: (603) 536-3423

From July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 VOICES AGAINST VIOLENCE served 357 victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, as well as provided countless hours of education and support around these issues to other individuals and organizations in your town. Direct services included crisis counseling through our 24-hour hotline; support groups for domestic and sexual violence victims; hospital, police and court accompaniment; restraining order assistance; referrals to agencies for housing and food assistance; assisting with educational and employment opportunities; and much more. Our staff also conducted workshops for students and faculty in the Newfound School District on topics such as bullying prevention, healthy relationships and boundaries, how to help a friend in an abusive situation, and teen dating violence. We are also working with law enforcement, clergy and medical providers in your area to create a unified community response to domestic and sexual violence, and will be placing a great deal of effort in our prevention activities that will hopefully alleviate long-term burdens on the town that result from family violence.



Respectfully submitted,
Jay Olmstead
Executive Director

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County
P.O. Box 433
Lebanon, NH 03766-0433

2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2004, **19** older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

* Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed **267** balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.

* They received **60** hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.

* They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through **16** visits by a trained social worker.

* Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through **243** hours of volunteer service

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester residents in 2004 was **$2,218.88.**

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars which would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

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Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
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Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204



REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE

by

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It is an honor to be starting my 27th and 28th year as one of your public servants here in District One.

The executive Council is your effective point of contact at the top of your Executive Branch of state government. The Council acts much like a board of directors for the administration of public law and public budget as passed by the NH House and Senate. The Council also accepts grant money from federal programs for administration to community-based organizations.

As we look into the next two years, I urge citizens to become involved through their regional planning commissions in bringing forth concerns and ideas for transportation projects. It is my opinion that not many new projects will be done, due to lack of sufficient funds. We will be lucky to maintain what we have and build what is in the current ten-year transportation plan.

District Health Councils are in full gear whereby local health concerns can be articulated directly to the Commissioner of Health ad Human Services. This is the largest agency in our state government.

With a new administration headed by Governor John Lynch there will be many board and commissions looking for volunteers. If you are interested in finding out what is available please visit the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index or call my office.

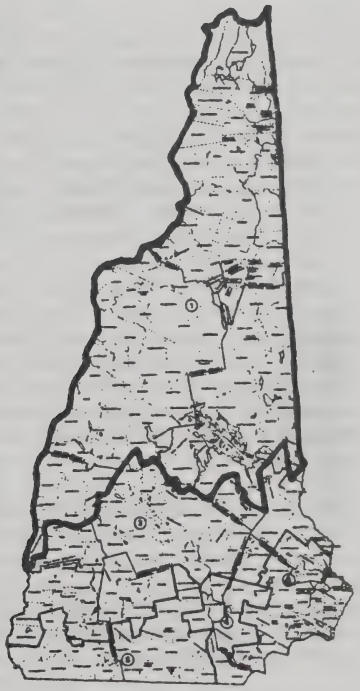
My office is always available to assist in questions for relief, assistance and information. Also available and free is the NH Constitution, state map and brochure on the Executive Council.

Please contact me anytime. It is a pleasure to serve you and your region.

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Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Annual Report 2004

Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live, work and recreate together to collaborate on issues of common concern. The cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee ares work together towards balanced growth through UVLSRPC membership. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision-making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Due to a Vermont decision to incorporate its Upper Valley communities into an existing Vermont-only region beginning July 1, 2004, the past year marked our transition to a New Hampshire- only service area for the first time since 1963. For communities in both states, some creative new approaches to regional planning will be required. We have already begun exploring options for continuing to address some of the Upper Valley's transportation, economic development, housing and watershed management needs across the region's state line.

Each year we strive to focus on activities that will best meet the needs of each area of the region, while we balance the differing concerns of larger and smaller communities. Some highlights of the past year:

* Worked with state agencies to ensure that issues important to the region are understood and addressed, including local resource protection priorities, transportation choices and improvements, effectiveness of state smart growth policies, and water quality protection needs.

* Participated in transportation programs that will bring additional funding in the region for sidewalks, public transit, and a US Route 4 corridor study.

* Developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for Sullivan County, and continued to participate in CEDS programs in both East-Central Vermont and NH's Grafton County to guide growth in a manner consistent with local resources and needs, and increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.

* Continued to work with area and state organizations, businesses and communities to seek opportunities to improve the balance between economic growth and housing needs in the Upper Valley.

* Assisted 14 communities with updates of their master plans or capital improvement programs and/or amendments to local land use regulations and floodplain ordinances.

* Provided technical assistance to local boards and committees addressing a number of issues, such as natural resource and open space protection, capital improvements programming, downtown or village redevelopment,

trail mapping, school building and transportation needs, and parking needs and traffic circulation.

* Continued our assistance to those planning for the stewardship of the Connecticut River and its tributaries, including Lake Sunapee, and the Cold and Ompompanoosuc Rivers. Actively participated on Connecticut River Joint Commissions and Connecticut River Scenic Byway Council Steering Committee.

* Organized four hazardous waste collections in which 884 households participated to keep approximately 6,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the region's groundwater; and assisted with public education on household hazardous waste, including outreach to small businesses on affordable disposal.

* Conducted 911 readdressing in Claremont to improve emergency response. Completed hazard mitigation plans for 11 communities as required for continued eligibility for federal disaster assistance and hazard mitigation funds; arrange funding to complete hazard mitigation plans for several more communities in the coming year; and assisted with all-hazard emergency operations plan for Southern Windsor County.

* Provided suggestions for minimizing potential regional impacts associated with several proposed developments through Act 250 in Vermont and to New Hampshire planning boards as requested.

* Collected traffic data in 22 communities, and completed road inventory in 5 communities to make sure that full state aid for maintenance is received. Provided traffic data to communities, residents and businesses on request.

* Continued to work with public transit providers serving the area's residents, employees, and visitors to identify opportunities to improve service using currently available funds, and to prioritize needs for additional funding. Assisted Upper Valley Transportation Management Association is efforts to reduce commuter traffic.

* Provided monthly circuit rider services to several communities to review subdivision and site plan applications for compliance with local regulations.

* Continued emphasis on informational programs and training for local officials. Topics of bimonthly program series included Smart Growth, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, Solid Waste, Community Water Supply, and Small Shared Septic Systems. Assisted with series of educational workshops for conservation commission members and VLCT VT Interactive TV workshops, and provided training for local officials in VT on conducting effective public hearings.

* Worked with Connecticut River Joint Commissions and League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley to organize conference to educate planners, developers, landscape architects, engineers, and officials from NH and VT on techniques to minimize the negative effects of storm water runoff through Low Impact Development techniques.

* Responded to day-to-day requests from local board members and staff for guidance on, e.g., road maintenance, design standards, scenic roads, traffic

calming, traffic and parking-related zoning issues, development on private or unmaintained roads; implementation of local land use and excavation regulations, regulation of accessory apartments and buildings, emergency zoning, steep slope and ridgeline ordinances, site plan review; impact fees, capital improvement programs; storm water management; flood insurance; mapping; and hiring consultants.

* Continued to utilize our geographic information system (GIS) to perform land use analyses and natural resource planning. Provided GIS services to 10 communities.

* Developed new web site - www.uvlsrpc.org - to improve our ability to share information on planning issues and events. Maintained a library with the latest technical guidance, planning literature, and sample regulations; continued to expand regional socioeconomic database; and responded to numerous requests for information from local officials, businesses, and other area organizations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the need of the region in the coming year. We count on feedback from the Commissioners appointed by each community, as well as local officials and residents, to ensure that our work program focuses on those regional issues that are of the highest priority to you. Please feel free to contact us at (603) 448-1680 or email me at tbamford@uvlsrpc.org to share your thoughts.

Tara E. Bamford
Executive Director



Upper Valley Lake Sunapee
Regional Planning Commission

West Central Behavioral Health

Dartmouth-Hitchcock
2 Whipple Place
Lebanon, NH 03766
Phone: (603) 448-0126 ~ Toll Free (800) 540-0126

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Dorchester, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton Counties. Our mission is: "to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services." Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction; as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing, but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, jails, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultations.

West Central Behavioral Health provided residents of Dorchester with **$2,297.00** of free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services for which we received no reimbursement. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service area.

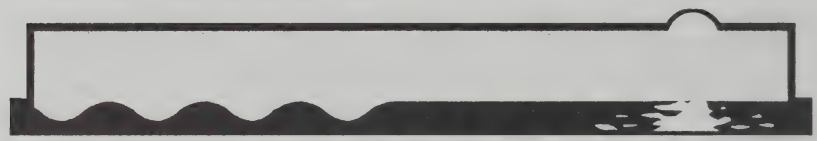
Some of the services provided to residents of Dorchester this year include:

* 4 Children and their families received 10 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics in Lebanon, Newport, or through our services offered at Canaan Elementary School, Indian River School, and Mascoma High School.

* 1 Adult resident received 38 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues, and other critical issues.

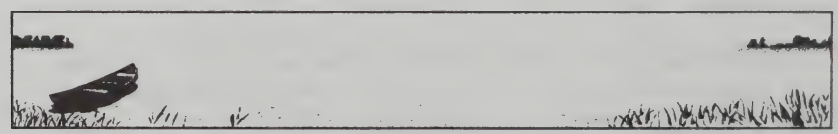
* 4 Residents received 28 sessions of other services such as case management or participation in our Academy Programs for people who have committed substance abuse related offenses.

VITAL STATISTICS
DORCHESTER, N.H.



DEATHS

Name	*Date*	*Place*	*Parents*
Roger Swan	02-20-04	Lebanon, NH	Roger Swan Catherine Riordan
George Mills	05-2-04	Dorchester, NH	Frank Mills Ruth Coffin
Eddie Cherry	09-8-04	Manchester, NH	Eddie Cherry Pearline Nicholson
Rose Mitchell	09-12-04	Dorchester, NH	Albert Jarvis Viola Horner
Norma Guidi		Laconia, NH	Michael Malarazzo Helena Hawkhurst





MARRIAGES

Date	Groom/Bride	Residence
05-30-04	Michael J. Majeski Justine H. Bielinski	Dorchester, N.H. Dorchester, N.H
10-23-04	Anthony J. DiRusso Stephanie L. Davis	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH



BIRTHS

Place	Date	Name	Parents
Lebanon, N.H.	08-7-04	Malayna Rose	Sabrina Joslyn Brandon Joslyn
Lebanon, N.H.	08-16-04	Emma Thayer	Nancy Drowne George Drowne
Lebanon, N.H.	10-19-04	Emma Mae	Lisa Bill Clifton Bill

Summary of the Dorchester 2004 Town Meeting

The election of Town officials was held on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.
Polls opened at 11:00 a.m. and closed at 7:00 p.m.
The remaining business was conducted on Saturday, March 13, 2004.

March 13, 2004 Town Meeting opened at 10:00 A.M.

Moderator Henry L. Melanson opened the meeting and gave instructions to the voters gathered. He then read Article 1 and the results of the 2004 Town Election.

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of election as follows:

Moderator for two (2) years - Henry L. Melanson - 24 votes
Selectman for three (3) years - David A. Conkey - 82 votes
Kimberly Tracey - 24 votes
Treasurer for one (1) year - Brian A. Howe - 100 votes
Tax Collector for one (1) year - Brenda A. Howe - 98 votes
Town Clerk for one (1) year - Brenda Howe - 103 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist for six (6) years - Marilyn Pratt - 105 votes
Supervisor of the Checklist for four (4) years - Elizabeth Trought - 90 votes
Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years - Darlene Oaks - 104 votes
Auditors for 1 year - Martha L. Walker - 100 votes
Cindy Azotea - 10 votes
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years - Elizabeth Trought - 94 votes
Planning Board for 3 years vote for 2:
Michael Howe - 60 votes
Patricia Franz - 56 votes
William S. Trought - 39 votes
Paul Skipper - 25 votes

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of rebuilding and paving North Dorchester Road and a portion of Bickford Woods Road; and to authorize the issuance of not more than $300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the municipal officials to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon.
Principal and Interest payments to come from Highway Block Grant Funds over the next 15 years. (2/3 ballot vote required)

Moderator read the article
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read.
Seconded by Robert Estabrook.
Moderator read the article and opened it for discussion

John Franz addressed the article citing the need for road repair and the advantages of completing it as a large project funded by a 15 year bond. He also explained that the payments would be made from Highway Block Grant money received from the State of New Hampshire.
Kimberly Tracey asked what happened to last year's road money and also who did the estimates?
John Cote explained the road budget was cut last year and the town had been unable to find any full time help for the Road Agent. Summer projects were limited to what the Road Agent could do alone. He explained that the town hopes to work on some road repair this year in addition to that funded by the bond. He explained needs on the North Dorchester Road and work they hope to be able to complete on Cheever Road this summer.
Michael Landry gave some history of past years. He explained the need for contractors to construct new roads so the Road Agent can do normal maintenance of other roads that need attention.
Kimberly Tracey questioned the cost per mile? She indicated that she felt the project was seriously under funded.
George Conkey responded its length was .9 of a mile.
David Morrill gave his concerns by reading a prepared letter with history of past years and urging people to vote against the article.
Kimberly Tracey stated that she did not think $300,000 was enough money to do the road.
John Franz addressed some of the concerns in David's letter.

Malcolm Ray asked to table the article for a year.
Seconded by JoEllen Guidi
Hand vote taken 17 in favor and 32 opposed

Kimberly Tracey questioned cost again
Robert Estabrook explained the plan
Brian Howe spoke as Treasurer, that the interest rates were good right now for this type of project. He spoke as a resident that the holes are getting hard to dodge. He recommended passage of the article.
Elizabeth Trought asked if this would go to bid.

Patricia Franz asked to move the question
Seconded by Andrew Houghton

The motion to move the question carried.
Moderator read Article 1 and opened the polls at 10:44 A.M. for the required paper ballot voting. Polls to remain open until 11:45. All voters present were provided the opportunity to cast their ballots before resuming the deliberation of the remaining articles.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) for a complete property tax revaluation and authorize the withdrawal of Thirty-Seven Thousand dollar ($37,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose. The balance of three thousand dollars ($3,000) is to come from general taxation.

John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read.
Seconded by Robert Estabrook

Moderator read the Article again and opened it to discussion
John Franz explained the need.
David Morrill spoke in favor of the article.

No one else asked to speak and the Moderator moved the question and read the article.

Article 3 PASSED as read on a voice vote

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) for the purpose of replacing the roof over the kitchen portion of the Town Hall, to upgrade the electrical service and replace the heating system of the Town Hall and to authorize the withdrawal of forty thousand dollars ($40,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose.

Moderator read the article
John Franz made the motion to accept the article as read.
Moderator read the article again and opened it to discussion

John Franz explained need for repairs
Louis Delsart asked what kind of roofing they planned to use?
John Cote explained. He also stated that the Historic Commission would have the final say as to what was used.
Louis Delsart stated he felt the estimate was too high and wanted

to know if the various aspects of the job were to be put out to bid.
Kimberly Tracey asked about grants to help pay for repairs, also what about volunteer help.
John Franz explained that the Selectmen have applied for grants.
Elizabeth Trought suggested keeping the heat on and water turned on as it would help people that want to utilize the hall.
John Franz explained that the building is to be used as an emergency facility.
George Drowne asked if the gas heaters to be removed from the Town Hall could be sold at auction rather than being trashed or given to the contractor for disposal?
John Franz explained that what was removed would be offered for sale.
Malcolm Ray asked to clarify plans
Michael Landry spoke in favor of the repairs
Kimberly Tracey expressed concern about antifreeze in the heating system braking down?
Benjamin Thompson volunteered his time on the project,

Moderator stepped down to address the meeting leaving Michael Landry as the acting Moderator.

Henry Melanson spoke about the project
Malcolm Ray volunteered to help
Robert Oaks also volunteered

Henry Melanson returned to his duties as Moderator

Joshua Trought questioned budget costs of the project
John Franz broke down some of the costs

David Morrill moved the question
Seconded by Andrew Houghton
Moderator read Article 4

Article 4 PASSED as read

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000 (three thousand dollars) to support a regional center in Canaan for the adult day care of elderly and handicapped persons. The center will be staffed by professionals and be maintained by the Primary Caregivers to serve all of the communities within the Mascoma School District.

Moderator read the article
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read
Seconded by John Cote
Moderator read the article again and opened to discussion

John Franz explained that this article was not endorsed by the Selectmen
Elizabeth Trought pointed out that Laconia had to close their facility.
William Trought questioned what exactly the money was being raised for.
Linda Landry explained it was for the purchase of land

Kimberly Tracey suggested the need for more information. She moved to table the article.
David Morrill seconded the motion

Moderator read the Article and called for a vote on the **Motion to Table**

Motion to Table Article 5
Article 5 PASSED

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund, established at the 1991 Town Meeting. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with an expenditure.

Moderator read the article
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read.
Seconded by Robert Estabrook.
Moderator read it again and opened it to discussion

John Franz explained the need for the change.
Elizabeth Trought asked if a special town meeting would be called?
John Franz explained the procedure
Brian Howe explained that when the Melanson Bridge went out the monies in those accounts were not accessible

After much discussion David Yetman asked to move the question.
Seconded by Gene Pratt.
Moderator read Article 6.

Article 6 PASSED

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three hundred one thousand, sixty-eight dollars ($301,068.00), to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 2, 3, 4, 5) Recommended by the Selectmen

Moderator read the article
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read
Seconded by Robert Estabrook
Moderator read the article again and opened it to discussion

John Franz commented on the budget
Joshua Trought questioned fire protection costs
Michael Landry discussed fire protection coverage

David Yetman moved the question
Seconded by Linda Landry
Moderator read Article 7

Article 7 PASSED

Moderator accepted the results of the vote on Article 2 as reported by the Supervisors and the Ballot Clerks.

60 votes cast
38 - YES 22 - NO
Article 2 was defeated (Required a 2/3 vote to pass)

Article 8. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Moderator read the article
John Franz made the motion that it be accepted as read
Seconded by John Cote
Moderator read it again and opened it to discussion

John Franz spoke about emergency services problems and the Selectmen's ongoing effort to correct them.
Malcolm Ray suggested an Honor Roll for Vets from this town
Kimberly Tracey expressed a need for more volunteers
David Morrill read "I make a motion for a non-binding vote by the people at this meeting to recommend to the Road Agent and Selectmen to make plans to get estimates for those sections of roads in Dorchester that are ready for paving and expend the DGM to

pave the roads in Dorchester this summer."
Robert Brown Seconded

Darlene Oaks spoke of concerns for 911 response

After much discussion it was decided that Darlene would start a petition to encourage results on this issue

Back to non-binding question.

Elizabeth Trought moved the question
Seconded by Joshua Trought

Voice Vote about 50-50
Moderator called for a show of hands
13 in favor
21 opposed. The motion was defeated

John Franz asked for a moment of silence for two members of the town that passed away in the past year. Walter Morgan, former Treasurer, and Edith Gray

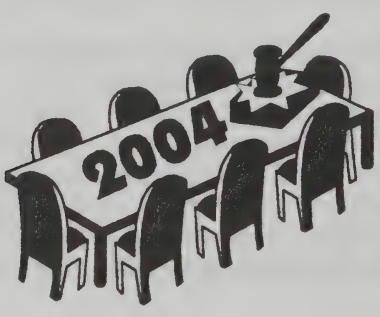
John Franz presented a plaque to Robert Estabrook recognizing his years of service as Selectman for the Town. He also presented a plaque to Nancy Drowne recognizing her service as Tax Collector for one year

Robert Green commented that the Road Agent, George Conkey has done a great job this year on the roads.

Moderator made a motion to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by John Franz.

Motion passed to adjourn the meeting.

Submitted by Brenda Howe, Town Clerk of Dorchester NH



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